Action Item 9

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER		DATE	March 24, 2010				
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER		DOCKET NO.	2009-144-C				
UTILITIES MATTER	~	ORDER NO.					
SUBJECT:							
DOCKET NO. 2009-144-C - Application of TracFone Wireless, Incorporated for Designation as an Eligible							
Telecommunications Carrier in the State of South Carolina for the Limited Purpose of Offering Lifeline							
and Link Up Service to Qualified Households – Discuss this Matter with the Commission.							

COMMISSION ACTION:

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This motion is in connection with the Application of TracFone Wireless, Inc. for designation as an ETC to offer Lifeline service to qualified households. We had previously denied TracFone's application on the basis that TracFone insisted that it would not remit contributions to the State Universal Service Fund. Subsequently, as a result of extensive negotiations between the Applicant and the ORS, the Applicant established a related entity, SafeLink Wireless, Inc., and has agreed to remit contributions to the State USF which will be derived from SafeLink's entire customer base in South Carolina. TracFone and SafeLink have jointly requested that this docket be assigned to SafeLink and that ETC status for SafeLink be approved based upon the agreement between the parties and on the verified testimony of Mr. F.J. Pollak, the President and Chief Executive Officer of both TracFone and SafeLink. Through Mr. Pollak's verified testimony, SafeLink has established that it satisfies all of the requirements prerequisite to being designated an ETC. I believe it is in the public interest to approve the request, as SafeLink would both provide a valuable service to low-income citizens of South Carolina and make contributions to the State Universal Service Fund. Accordingly, I move that we approve the request and designate SafeLink Wireless, Inc. as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier to provide Lifeline Service.

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